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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 2 and add new claims 5 and 6 as shown in the Status of the Claims section, infra. No new matter has been added. Additions are underlined and deletions are struck-through.

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STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising at least one of bristles of a synthetic resin with which a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate is mixed, or a handle of a synthetic resin with which a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate is mixed, wherein said products are more densely distributed on an outside surface of each of the bristles or on a surface of the handle than, respectively, on an inside portion of each of the bristles or of said handle.

2. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising at least one of bristles coated with a coating material containing a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate, or a handle coated with a coating material containing a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate, wherein said products are more densely distributed on an outside surface of each of the bristles or on a surface of the handle than, respectively, on an inside portion of each of the bristles or of said handle.

3. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to Claim 1, wherein the product is a mixture of a calcium carbonate powder comprising porous granules which is a shell powder having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium

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carbonate and a calcium oxide powder prepared by calcining the calcium carbonate powder, or an aqueous solution of the mixture.

4. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to Claim 2, wherein the product is a mixture of a calcium carbonate powder comprising porous granules which is a shell powder having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate and a calcium oxide powder prepared by calcining the calcium carbonate powder, or an aqueous solution of the mixture.

5. (New) The toothbrush according to Claim 1, wherein said shell is a scallop shell.

6. (New) The toothbrush according to Claim 2, wherein said shell is a scallop shell.